

CONCERNING ASSESSMENTS.

A great deal is said, by way of complaint, about the unequal manner that assessments are made in this State and county; and there is a growing disposition on the part of some persons to attack all alike...

A report by the State Board of Equalization of California gives some interesting details respecting inequalities in taxation which have existed in that State, and the efforts made to remedy them. Previous to 1872 there appeared to have been a total lack of uniformity or system in assessing property.

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CRAIG IS A LITERARY THE CHIEF JUSTICE-CENTER.

Mr. Editor: Last evening I attended the scene entertainment in the Craig Literary Society. The room, which is entirely too small for such purposes, was crowded. Our village is seldom favored with free entertainments, so when the Literary Society generously throws open its doors, representatives of all classes, grown folks and juveniles, (the last being the major part of the audience,) throng thither for a few hours amusement.

The programme was too long for me to give it in detail. Some of the more noticeable performances were, an opening chorus, followed by a neat little address by Dr. Johnston, in which he alluded to the large attendance which he had observed upon the occasion of both the legislative and society meetings.

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Holt County Items.

We learn that the country residence of Mr. Andler, situated some six miles north of Oregon, burned to the ground on Tuesday, the 13th instant. The fire originated from some unknown cause, and occurred in the absence of the family. Some papers, including the volumes of smoke leading from the building, broke in the doors and rescued a few articles of furniture and one trunk. There was an insurance on the house of \$400. No particulars.

A series of meetings are now being held at the German church in this city. Next Sunday the sacrament of the Lords Supper will be administered, Elder J. A. Reitz, of Watheana, Kansas, is in charge.

The St. Joseph District Ministerial Conference, M. E. Church South, met last week in Forest City, Rev. Vandeventer of St. Joe, presiding. Quite a number of ministers from Northwest Missouri, Eastern Kansas and Southern Nebraska were in attendance. The character and results of the deliberation we did not learn.

Messrs. Warner and Lunen, of the Fillmore Flouring mills, turn out very excellent flour. For sale in this city, at W. H. Street's store.

Notice to Patrons of Husbandry. The Masters of Granges in Holt county are requested to meet on Tuesday, the 3d day of February, 1874, at the Mount City School House, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Grange in accordance with Article 3rd of State Grange Constitution. All Masters are expected to attend.

From the State Capital. From the St. Joseph Herald. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 17.—The Senate was not in session to-day, and the proceedings in the House were of little importance as to be hardly worth recording. Mr. Weller, of Buchanan county, introduced a bill to repeal the act of last winter which increased the number of Buchanan County Judges from one to two.

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